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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL ON US-TURKISH DEFENSE  
RELATIONSHIP

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST 2 WEEKLY "YANKI," WARNED ONCE AGAIN THAT A PROLONGED DELAY IN CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) WOULD BE "AS DANGEROUS AS ITS REJECTION." HE DID NOT INDICATE THE TIME FRAME HE HAD IN MIND, HOWEVER, AND STATED THAT THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES COULD FOR THE PRESENT MEET THEIR SPARE PARTS REQUIREMENTS FROM THE \$250 MILLION PROVIDED IN THE FY 1976/77 SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. CAGLAYANGIL WENT ON TO ADD THAT, IF THE DCA IS REJECTED, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE INSTALLATIONS WILL EVER BE REACTIVATED AND THE RESULTING DAMAGE TO TURKISH AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION WILL BE A GREAT LOSS TO NATO.

2. CAGLAYANGIL ACKNOWLEDGED FORD ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS  
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TO SPEED CONSIDERATION OF THE DCA WHILE ATTRIBUTING THE

DELAY TO THE "ELECTION CAMPAIGN." HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON A QUESTION PERTAINING TO DEMOCRAT PARTY NOMINEE CARTER'S LINKING THE DCA TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT IS UNFORTUANTE THAT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS "AS A TOOL OF AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS."

3. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION APPARENTLY PROMPTED BY PERIODIC REPORTS THAT THE GOT HAS PERMITTED ACTIVITIES AT THE INSTALLATIONS TO RESUME AND/OR HAS RELAXED PROVISIONAL STATUS RESTRICTIONS ON AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, CAGLAYANGIL REPLIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF THE INSTALLATIONS OR THE PRIVILEGES PERMITTED AMERICANS AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NONE UNTIL AFTER THE DCA IS APPROVED.  
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